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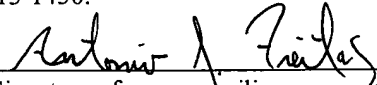
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Serial No.:	09/991,480	Examiner:	Gamett, Daniel C.
Filed:	November 9, 2001	Customer No.:	21559
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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND
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Applicants respectfully appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated June 21, 2005, in which the Office finally rejected claims 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 64-76, 78, 80, and 82-88 of the above-captioned patent application.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final rejection for three months, to and including December 21, 2005.

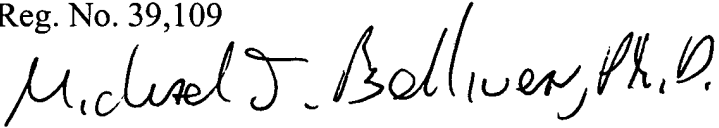
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